

addition, the years 1981 and 1982 brought honors as Auto Racing Digest Driver of the Year. Today, he is considered one of the foremost race drivers to participate in the sport, and his influence can be seen among the new generation of NASCAR drivers.

During the years 1981–1986, his partnership with car owner Junior Johnson yielded three series championships, 43 victories and 34 pole positions. The highlight of Waltrip's career came in 1989 when he won the Daytona 500 on February 17, in car No. 17, in his 17th attempt for one of racing's highest honors.

Darrell Waltrip's statistics are phenomenal. With a career that includes 276 top-five finishes, 390 top-ten finishes, 37 Superspeedway wins, 47 short track wins, and winnings totaling nearly \$18 million, there is no doubt that Waltrip is a true racing legend.

He has broken many barriers in the sport by becoming both a driver and an owner, and is recognized as the first corporate spokesperson in racing. In Tennessee, he is known and loved for his numerous and continuous charitable contributions to the community. In 1979, he was named Tennessee's Professional Athlete of the Year.

Currently, he owns and operates Darrell Waltrip Honda-Volvo Car Dealership, serving many of his fans. I consider Darrell Waltrip a personal friend. In fact, I was with him for the grand opening of his car dealership in Williamson County.

Darrell Waltrip is to be commended and honored for his incredible racing career, which has entertained and enthralled thousands of fans for the past twenty-nine years. He is a true racing pioneer, taking the sport beyond the racetrack and into the hearts and homes of America.

RECOGNIZING PAUL TOWNSEND'S CONTRIBUTIONS TO LONG ISLAND

HON. MICHAEL P. FORBES

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 24, 2000

Mr. FORBES. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor an exceptional man who has dedicated himself to Long Island, its people, its businesses, and its natural resources. A tenth generation Long Islander, Mr. Paul Townsend has worked for more than half a century to promote and preserve Long Island.

Mr. Townsend has provided leadership at the highest level. He has served as a catalyst for change and development of our region. His energy and enthusiasm for a wide range of projects is unparalleled. He promoted landmarks such as Levittown. He worked with the federal government to create the Fire Island National Seashore. He created institutions such as Long Island Business News and North Shore University Hospital. He and his wife Terry, worked to establish Long Island's first professional Equity theatre. He served as editor of the Long Island Business News for 45 years and now serves as editor emeritus.

Using his vision, Mr. Townsend assembled the talent to bring important projects to fruition. He worked to produce affordable housing which is now a model for the nation. He, and his colleagues, developed the United Way of Long Island and he served as its first executive director. Long Island's United Way now

consists of over 160 health and human care service agencies. The United Way helps local people and in the process, strengthens the community. This organization has helped to prevent youth violence, help care for the very young and the old, provide emergency food, shelter and clothing, and support job assistance training for the disabled.

Mr. Townsend also founded the Long Island Business Development Council and worked to establish Long Island's Entrepreneur Awards Program. He and his wife received the Long Island Association's first Lifetime Achievement Award. He has been an integral part of the Long Island business community.

Mr. Townsend has made countless contributions to the Long Island community. His dedication to the community distinguishes him as a role model all Americans should aspire to emulate. And so it is with great pleasure that I commend Mr. Townsend on his achievements, and wish him all the best for the future.

HONORING MEMBERS OF THE CREW OF THE GUIDED MISSILE DESTROYER U.S.S. "COLE"

SPEECH OF

HON. JACK QUINN

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 18, 2000

Mr. QUINN. Mr. Speaker, we gather today to honor the crew of the naval destroyer U.S.S. *Cole*. A tragedy of great magnitude occurred in the Yemen port of Aden on October 12, 2000. While the U.S.S. *Cole* was refueling in Aden, in an apparent terrorist suicide mission, a small boat loaded with explosives struck the U.S.S. *Cole*. The impact of the explosion left a 40-by-45 hole in the side of the destroyer, but this impact extends far beyond the port of Yemen, and into the hearts of the American people.

Not only did this explosion strike a devastating blow to the ship itself, but the ship's crew as well. This deliberate act of terrorism has left seven crewmembers dead, ten missing and presumed dead, and over three dozen wounded.

So, we gather here today to not only express our heartfelt sympathies to the families, friends, and loved ones of these servicemen and women, but also to express our thanks for the ultimate sacrifice that these men and women made for their nation. The United States Government has yet to identify the culprit of this terrible act, but we do know that the U.S.S. *Cole* and its crew were going about routine duties in the area and performed dutifully and selflessly in a situation of great duress.

This unfortunate tragedy has taken seventeen lives and wounded over 40 U.S. servicemen. We cannot commend the crew of the U.S.S. *Cole* highly enough for the exemplary spirit and patriotism which they demonstrated in salvaging their crew and ship. Let the memory of those who perished in the U.S.S. *Cole* attack, motivate us to carry on with the same spirit with which they served to preserve the future peace and security, of our nation.

STROKE THERAPY'S NEW PUSH

HON. DAVID E. PRICE

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 24, 2000

Mr. PRICE of North Carolina. Mr. Speaker, a recent article in the Washington Post reminds us of the urgent attention stroke deserves as the third leading cause of death in this country.

Stroke affects the most delicate and vital organ of the body, the brain. The National Stroke Association uses the term "brain attack" to characterize this medical condition and describe the urgent need for prompt medical attention. A stroke occurs when blood flow to the brain is interrupted either by a clogged artery or a blood vessel rupture.

Stroke touches the lives of four out of every five American families. It touched the Congress this year with the tragic death of our friend and colleague, Senator Paul Coverdell. Each year 750,000 Americans will suffer a stroke and 160,000 of them will die. African Americans and Latinos are at an even greater risk of stroke. Stroke is also a leading cause of adult disability, leaving a majority of survivors with disabilities ranging from moderate to severe. The statistics are staggering, but fortunately, many strokes can be prevented.

There are important resources available for stroke prevention, treatment and rehabilitation. The National Stroke Association has a wealth of information available on its web site at www.stroke.org, or by calling 1-800-STROKES. Clearly, stroke is an issue that deserves debate, discussion and our immediate attention as a major public health issue. I submit this article to my colleagues and look forward to discussing approaches we might take to reduce the terrible toll from stroke.

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STROKE THERAPY'S NEW PUSH; AGGRESSIVE DOCTORS GO DEEP INTO THE BRAIN

(Susan Okie)

Like a wisp of cloud that's really the edge of a hurricane, the first sign of what was about to happen to Garline Perry seemed a small thing.

One morning last month, Perry complained to his wife that he couldn't keep his balance. When he tried to walk, she said, he kept "listening to the right."

Susana Perry took her husband, 57, to the emergency room at Inova Fair Oaks Hospital. Minutes after they arrived, the storm hit.

"He yelled, 'I can't hear you! I can't see you!' . . . He fell to the floor and starting convulsing," recalled Susana Perry. A two-inch clot had blocked a major artery at the back of Perry's brain, producing a catastrophic stroke.

Unable to move, talk, breathe or even blink, the Fairfax man was placed on a respirator and flown by helicopter to Inova Fairfax Hospital, where radiologist John J. "Buddy" Connors embarked on a rescue mission that few doctors would dare attempt. He snaked a long, fine tube through an artery to reach the plug of congealed blood inside Perry's brain and began to drip in a clot-busting drug, hoping to reopen the blocked vessel.

Along with perhaps 300 other doctors in the United States, Connors works on the uncharted borders of stroke therapy, putting novel devices and powerful drugs deep into an organ where a mishap can mean death,